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¶1. SUMMARY: UAE MEDIA DEVOTED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO ATTACKS ON

THE MEDIA INSIDE BAGHDAD WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS FOR THE AL-JAZEERA AND ABU DHABI TV OFFICES AND PERSONNEL. "AL-ITTIHAD" OPINED THAT THE ATTACK OPENS THE DOOR FOR ALLEGATIONS OF AN AMERICAN DESIRE TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF TRUTH IN THE WAR. ALONG THIS LINE, AN "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. TARGETED THE ARAB MEDIA TO COVER ITS PLANS TO COMMIT A MASSACRE TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS IN IRAQ. AN "AL-BAYAN" COLUMNIST ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WARS IN THE REGION IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONTROL REGIONAL RESOURCES. END SUMMARY.

¶2. UNDER THE HEADLINE, "HAS THE WAR AGAINST REALITY BEGUN?", SEMI-OFFICIAL ABU DHABI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL-ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 4/9:

".... IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE THAT THE WAR PROMISED AS A CLEAN WAR HAS KILLED A LARGE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH MANY OTHERS WOUNDED ... THE TRAGIC BLOODY SCENE OF THE JOURNALISTS IN BAGHDAD YESTERDAY OPENS THE DOOR FOR MANY ALLEGATIONS ABOUT A DESIRE TO SILENCE THE VOICE OF TRUTH AND PREVENT THE HEROIC JOURNALISTS IN THE BATTLEFIELD IN BAGHDAD FROM TRANSMITTING WHAT HAPPENS AND WHAT TRAGEDIES MIGHT OCCUR AS THE WAR ENTERS ITS DECISIVE STAGE IN THE STREETS OF THE IRAQI CAPITAL."

¶3. UNDER THE HEADLINE "TURNING OFF THE LIGHTS TO HIDE THE CRIME," SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 4/9:

".... TARGETING JOURNALISTS IN BESIEGED BAGHDAD, UNDER FIRE THIS VERY HOUR, IS A NEW CRIME THAT MUST BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE AGGRESSION (COALITION FORCES). IT REPRESENTS PART OF THE LARGER CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE OF IRAQ BEFORE THE ENTIRE WORLD ... A MASSACRE NEEDS TO BE COMMITTED TO ALLOW THE AGGRESSION TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS IN IRAQ. THIS MASSACRE NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COMPLETE DARKNESS, AND THIS EXPLAINS WHY ALL LIGHTS MUST BE SWITCHED OFF TO AVOID FURTHER SCANDALS ..."

¶4. AN EDITORIAL IN DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED ARABIC DAILY "AL-BAYAN" NOTED 4/9:

".... IT IS REGRETTABLE TO SEE THE AMERICAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN, FRANK THORPE TELL CNN THAT "WE HAVE TOLD THEM FROM THE BEGINNING THAT BAGHDAD HAS BECOME A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE, A WAR ZONE.' THIS STATEMENT REVEALS THE FACTS BEHIND THE WAR OPERATIONS. THE SHELLING DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION UNARMED CIVILIANS, A FACT REVEALING THE HIDDEN FACE OF THE WAR. NO ONE CAN DENY THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS DELIBERATE TO HIDE REALITY AND STOP ANY REVELATION OF WHAT IS OCCURRING IN IRAQ."

¶5. THE DIRECTOR OF DUBAI MUNICIPALITY QASSEM SULTAN WROTE IN HIS WEEKLY "AL-BAYAN" COLUMN 4/9:

".... IN THE FIRST WAR, AMERICA WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE (TWO) REGIONAL POWERS, IRAN WITH ITS AMERICAN ARMS AND MILITARY MIGHT FROM THE SHAH, AND IRAQ WITH ITS DEVELOPED WEAPONS AND ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE CULTIVATED BY THE U.S. IN THE SECOND WAR, AMERICA WANTED TO COMPLETE ITS ROLE IN CONTROLLING THE REGION AND ITS RESOURCES BY PLACING ITSELF AS A SPONSOR OF THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. HOWEVER, ALL INDICATIONS PROVE THAT THIS WAR WAS PLANNED YEARS AGO BY ZIONIST HANDS ... (SUCH AS) THE ZIONIST RICHARD PEARLE, THE FORMER ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISOR ... WILL AMERICA AND BRITAIN LEAVE IRAQ AND ITS RESOURCES AFTER THESE TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED HERE? SOME OF THEIR EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT SUCH A WEALTH IS THEIRS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BEST OF MANKIND, AND THEREFORE, THEY CAN NOT ALLOW THESE UNDEVELOPED PEOPLE TO CONTROL IT."

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